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C O N F I D E N T I A L GUATEMALA 5344

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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: OAS, VE, NU, GT
SUBJECT: VICE PRESIDENT'S MEMORANDUM ON NICARAGUAN SITUATION

REF: GUATEMALA 5336

AS INSIGHT INTO ONE OF THE FORCES AT PLAY HERE, THERE
FOLLOWS AN INFORMAL TRANSLATION OF OPERATIVE PARTS
OF VICE PRESIDENT VILLAGRAN DRAMER'S MEMORANDUM DATED
SEPTEMBER 6 TO PRESIDENT LUCAS, WHICH THE VICE
PRESIDENT LEFT WITH ME WHEN WE MET SEPTEMBER 8:

BEGIN QUOTE:

I RECOMMEND:
(A) SUPPORTING THE VENEZUELAN INITIATIVE
IN THE OAS TO CONVOKE THE ORGAN OF CONSULTATION...
(B) PROPOSING IN THE OAS THE CREATION OF
AN INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE TO ASSEMBLE EVIDENCE
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(ELEMENTS DE JUICIO) PRIOR TO THAT MEETING.
NOTE: THESE STEPS DO NOT CONSTITUTE INTERVENTION IN
NICARAGUAN INTERNAL AFFAIRS FROM THE STANDPOINT OF THE
OAS AND UN CHARTERS. THERE IS SUFFICIENT PRECEDENT
FOR THIS ACTION.
(C) COORDINATING THE GUATEMALAN ACTION WITH
OTHER CENTRAL AMERICAN GOVERNMENTS AND APPRISING

THE GOVERNMENTS OF VENEZUELA, COLOMBIA, MEXICO,
DOMINICAN REPUBLIC, PANAMA AS WELL AS THE U.S.
(D) ACTIVATING THE INITIATIVE ALREADY RAISED
WITH YOU REGARDING THE CENTRAL AMERICAN EX-
PRESIDENTS.

(E) CONTRIBUTING TO THE FORMATION OF A
NATIONAL GOVERNMENT IN NICARAGUA.

MR. PRESIDENT, I SUBMIT THESE RECOMMENDATIONS
FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION, AFTER CALM, OBJECTIVE AND
REALISTIC ANALYSIS OF THE CURRENT SITUATION. THE
GUATEMALAN PEOPLE WHO VOTED FOR YOU AND ME DID SO
CONSCIOUS OF OUR DEMOCRATIC STANCE AS WELL AS THE
POSITIVE ROLE THAT GUATEMALA SHOULD PLAY.
SOLIDARITY WITH VENEZUELA I CONSIDER IMPORTANT IN
ORDER TO STRENGTHEN THE NEW POLICY YOU HAVE
DELINEATED. A PASSIVE ATTITUDE OF "LAISSEZ
FAIRE, LAISSEZ PASSER" ONLY BENEFITS THE DICTA-
TORSHIPS AND GENERAL SOMOZA. VERY POSSIBLY,
ARGENTINA, CHILE, BOLIVIA, BRASIL, URUGUAY,
PARAGUAY AND HAITI WILL BE OPPOSED, SINCE
THEY ARE GOVERNMENTS INTERNATIONALLY ACCUSED OF
BEING DICTATORIAL. IN GUATEMALA, THIS POSITION
WILL BE SUPPORTED BY THE OPPOSITION -- WITH THE
EXCEPTION OF THE MLN WHICH HAS COMMITMENTS TO
GENERAL SOMOZA -- REFLECTING AN AREA OF
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DEMOCRATIC CONSENSUS.

I HOPE YOU WILL GIVE THESE RECOMMENDATIONS
YOUR BEST AND PRIORITY CONSIDERATION.
END QUOTE.
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